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Dear Examiner,

January 31, 2004, I received a request from a law firm (Lovells, Amsterdam) representing the applicant/assignee (Stichting voor de Technische Wetenschappen, Utrecht, the Netherlands) of the above captioned patent application, to sign a "Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application". I already signed such a declaration concerning the same application in July 2003. The lawyer wrote me in his request that the original declaration got lost in the offices of the USPTO. Can you please confirm, preferably by fax message, that the original declaration indeed got lost in the offices of the USPTO? If I receive your conformation I can sign and forward the declaration to the representative of the assignee.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

With kind regards,



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